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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: "SHANKILL BUTCHERS" CAUGHT

TWO MEN IN THEIR TWENTIES AND ONE 16 YEAR OLD MALE FROM
THE SHANKILL AREA OF BELFAST WERE CHARGED WITH TOTAL
10 MURDERS, MOSTLY SECTARIAN AND RANDOM COMMITTED SINCE
NOVEMBER 1975. EIGHT OF THE VICTIMS WERE CATHOLICS AND
TWO WERE PROTESTANTS. METHOD OF MURDERS WAS HORRIFIC,
WITH TORTURE PRECEEDING DEATH. IN CASE OF MOST VICTIMS
DEATH OCCURRED AFTER NEAR-DECAPITATION. ARRESTS CAME
AFTER DOGGED DETECTIVE WORK BY ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY
AND INVESTIGATION OF "SHANKILL BUTCHERS" OCCUPIED
SIZEABLE TEAM OVER 18 MONTHS. DURING MOST OF PERIOD
LOCAL MEDIA ISSUED PERIODIC WARNINGS FOR PEDESTRIANS TO
AVOID LOWER SHANKILL AND LOWER ANTRIM ROAD AREAS.

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